Fitchburg Municipal Court

2014 Annual Report

The City of Fitchburg Municipal Court is led by Honorable Judge Hamdy Ezalarab. Judge Ezalarab is an elected official and has been the presiding Judge for the City of Fitchburg since 1991. The Municipal Court has jurisdiction over all traffic and municipal citations issued by City of Fitchburg Officials.

COURT

Total Number of Citations Issued in 2014: 3,767

The court is responsible for hearing cases regarding traffic and municipal citations issued by the Fitchburg Police Department. City of Fitchburg Municipal Court is held two to three Thursday per month. In 2014, **3,767** were issued. The majority of these cases were traffic citations. The most common traffic offense was "speeding" and the most common municipal citation was issued for "disorderly conduct".

PRE-TRIALS

The City Attorney, Mark Sewell and Clerk of Court, James Gray, hold Pre-trial conferences approximately two times per month. Pre-Trial conferences give defendants who plea "not guilty" the opportunity to further discuss their citations(s).

STATE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL COURT **CASELOAD STATISTICS**

(NUMBER OF CASES PROCESSED)

Municipal Court of:

Fitchburg

County: Dane

Judge: Hamdy Ezalarab

For The Period Beginning:

2014

and ending:

2014

Municipality Code: 225

		c	ASES DISPOS	ED		
	PARKING	TRAFFIC	OWI/BAC	ADULT NON- TRAFFIC	JUVENILE NON-TRAFFIC	TOTAL CASES PROCESSED
By forfeiture due to non-appearance; found guilty in default; plea of guilty; or plea of no contest		2,615	56	370	59	3,100
By Dismissal		24	0	15	2	41
By Plea of not guilty, regardless of disposition	0	247	37	70	11	365

		CAS	ES TRANSFE	RRED		
	PARKING	TRAFFIC	OWI/BAC	ADULT NON- TRAFFIC	JUVENILE NON-TRAFFIC	TOTAL CASES PROCESSED
To another Municipal Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
OWI cases to Circuit Court on jury trial request			0			0

TOTAL:

3,506

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All Departments

Finding Date: 01/01/2014 through 12/31/2014

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Department Citation Type	No Contest	Not Guilty	Guilty	Total	Guilty	Not Guilty	Dismiss	Total
FBBI								
Municipal	9	1	0	10	10	0	0	10
Total:	9	1	0	10	10	0	0	10
FBFD								
Municipal	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	15
Total:	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	15
FBPD								
Municipal	324	83	47	454	417	1	36	454
Traffic	2,526	327	255	3,108	2,971	0	136	3,107
Total:	2,850	410	302	3,562	3,388	1	172	3,561
FBPW								
Municipal	41	0	0	41	41	0	0 =	41
Total:	41	0	0	41	41	0	0	41
VPD								
Traffic	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total:	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Grand Total:	2,916	411	302	3,629	3,455	1	172	3,628

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Total number of adults who participated in alternative options in 2014: 78

In Certain cases, the Judge or City Attorney will offer an option other than paying a fine. These options include completing community service and/or taking part in the City's random drug testing program.

In 2014, **66** adults agreed to complete community service. Community service may be offered in lieu of paying a fine, order to have a citation dismissed, or in lieu of having one's driver's license suspended. Most individuals are given a 6 month time frame in which to complete their service hours. **11** adults participated in the City's Drug Monitoring Program; this program involves being under court supervision for a minimum of 6 months and submitting 3-6 random drug tests within those 6 months.

PARKING TICKETS

Total number of parking tickets in 2014: 1,375

Fitchburg Municipal Court is in charge for processing and taking payments on parking tickets issued in the City of Fitchburg. In 2014, over **1,300** parking citations were processed by the Court. The highest volume of tickets were issued between the months of November and January. In December, **458** parking tickets were processed. This was higher than any other month.

The most common parking offences in 2014 were alternate parking violations, parked without owners consent, and blocking a fire hydrant.

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Fitchburg Police Department Tickets (Month) Issue Date: 01/01/2014 through 12/31/2014

		Total	01/2014	02/2014	03/2014	04/2014	05/2014	06/2014	07/2014	08/2014	09/2014	10/2014	11/2014	12/2014
44-407(6)	Illegally Parked in Fire Lane	45	6	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	5	4	4	5
44-461	Blocking Fire Hydrant	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
68.209	Temporary Parking Restrictions	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68-1CB	Parked greater than 12 inches fron	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68-1DA	Parked Within 4 Feet of Driveway	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	3	0	0	0
68-1HS	Handicapped parking stall violati	88	7	∞	6	11	∞	5	9	9	9	6	5	∞
68-1PAT	Parked Against Traffic	22	2	2	0	1	П	0	3	1	2	2	4	4
68-208	Vehicle Abandonment	26	1	2	7	3	3	0	1	4	2	1	0	2
68-208TOW	Vehicle Abandonment -Towed	19	1	1	0	1	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	2
68-208WOC	Parked Without Owners Consent	124	23	6	14	4	13	12	∞	9	4	∞	12	11
68-212	Alternate Side Parking	1,013	331	206	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	425
68-213	No Parking Between Signs	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
68-214	Parking Prohibited -Certain Time	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
68-215	Parking Prohibited	13	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	2		0
68-231(8)	No Parking	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	_	0	_	-
68-234	Blocking Fire Hydrant	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
68-235BZ	Parking in Bus Stop Zone	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		1,375	375	234	86	23	31	24	24	32	30	30	28	458